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PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
2010 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: John G. Mathis
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends the Veterinary Practice Act.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
amends the definition of "practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry";
and
 makes technical changes.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
58-28-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 109
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 58-28-102 is amended to read:
58-28-102. Definitions.
In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
(1) "Abandonment" means to forsake entirely or <u>to</u> refuse to provide care and support
for an animal placed in the custody of a licensed veterinarian.
(2) "Administer" means:

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30	(a) the direct application by a person of a prescription drug or device by injection,
31	inhalation, ingestion, or by any other means, to the body of an animal that is a patient or is a
32	research subject; or
33	(b) a veterinarian providing to the owner or caretaker of an animal a prescription drug
34	for application by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means to the body of the animal
35	by the owner or caretaker in accordance with the veterinarian's written directions.
36	(3) "Animal" means any animal other than a human.
37	(4) "AVMA" means American Veterinary Medical Association.
38	(5) "Board" means the Veterinary Board established in Section 58-28-201.
39	(6) "Client" means the patient's owner, the owner's agent, or other person responsible
40	for the patient.
41	(7) "Direct supervision" means a veterinarian licensed under this chapter is present
42	and available for face-to-face contact with the patient and person being supervised, at the time
43	the patient is receiving veterinary care.
44	(8) "Extra-label use" means actual use or intended use of a drug in an animal in a
45	manner that is not in accordance with approved labeling.
46	(9) "Immediate supervision" means the veterinarian licensed under this chapter is
47	present with the individual being supervised, while the individual is performing the delegated
48	tasks.
49	(10) "Indirect supervision" means a veterinarian licensed under this chapter:
50	(a) has given either written or verbal instructions for veterinary care of a patient to the
51	person being supervised; and
52	(b) is available to the person being supervised by telephone or other electronic means
53	of communication during the period of time in which the veterinary care is given to the
54	patient.
55	(11) "Practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry" means to:
56	(a) diagnose, prognose, or treat any disease, defect, deformity, wound, injury, or

physical condition of any animal;

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(b) administer [or], prescribe or dispense any drug, medicine, treatment, method, or practice, [or] perform any operation or manipulation, [or] apply any apparatus or appliance for the cure, relief, or correction of any animal disease, deformity, defect, wound, or injury, or otherwise practice any veterinary medicine, dentistry, or surgery on any animal; (c) represent by verbal or written claim, sign, word, title, letterhead, card, or [in] any other manner that one is a licensed veterinarian[,] or [one] qualified to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry[, or]; (d) hold oneself out as able to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry; [(d)] (e) solicit, sell, or furnish any parenterally administered animal disease cures, preventions, or treatments, with or without the necessary instruments for the administration of them, or any and all worm and other internal parasitic remedies, upon any agreement, express or implied, to administer these cures, preventions, treatments, or remedies; or [(e)] (f) assume or use the title or designation, "veterinary," "veterinarian," "animal doctor," "animal surgeon," or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviations, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that such person is qualified to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry. (12) "Unlawful conduct" is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-28-501. (13) "Unlicensed assistive personnel": (a) means any unlicensed person, regardless of title, to whom tasks are delegated by a veterinarian licensed under this chapter as permitted by administrative rule and in accordance with the standards of the profession; and (b) includes: (i) a veterinary assistant, if working under immediate supervision: (ii) a veterinary technician who: (A) has graduated from a program of veterinary technology accredited by the AVMA that is at least a two-year program; and (B) who is working under direct supervision; and (iii) a veterinary technologist who:

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86 (A) has graduated from a four-year program of veterinary technology accredited by the 87 AVMA; and (B) is working under indirect supervision. 88 89 (14) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-28-502 and may be further defined by rule. 90 91 (15) "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means: 92 (a) a veterinarian licensed under this chapter has assumed responsibility for making 93 clinical judgements regarding the health of an animal and the need for medical treatment of an 94 animal, and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions; 95 (b) the veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal, including knowledge of the 96 97 keeping and care of the animal as a result of recent personal examination of the animal or by 98 medically appropriate visits to the premises where the animal is housed; and

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